

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/075,151

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/19/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 19-29 and 37-54 (rearranged claims are 1-44).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-15, 19-29 and 37-54 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 1, 7, 10, 19 and 25, the reference **Hitzeman** and examiner's newly discovered reference **She** fail to teach selecting originating gateway from a plurality of originating gateways after determining the called number of the dialed call is within a particular category. **Hitzeman** teaches routing the call through an originating gateway after determining the called number of the dialed call is within a particular category (see col.4, lines 34-42, col.5, lines 66-67, col.6, lines 1-5, 11-18). **She** teaches selecting originating gateway from a plurality of originating gateways (col.3, lines 41-62). However, there is no suggestion in **Hitzeman's** invention in combination with **She's** invention to teach selecting originating gateway from a plurality of originating gateways after determining the called number of the dialed call is within a particular category.

Regarding claim 12, the reference **Osman** and examiner's newly discovered reference **She** fail to teach selecting originating gateway from a plurality of originating gateways after a dialed number associated with the specific call is examined. **Osman** teaches selecting one from

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plural of the far-end IP gateways after a dialed number associated with the specific call is examined (see col.1, lines 38-60, col.2, lines 35-52). **She** teaches selecting originating gateway from a plurality of originating gateways (col.3, lines 41-62). However, there is no suggestion in **Osman's** invention in combination with **She's** invention to teach selecting originating gateway from a plurality of originating gateways after a dialed number associated with the specific call is examined.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Md S. Elahee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7536. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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